

March 24, 1994

CD-94-09 (HD/ICI/LDV/LDT/SM)

Dear Manufacturer,

Subject: Standardized Evaporative Family Name for MY96 and Later

EPA has finalized the proposed standardized evaporative family nomenclature as discussed in manufacturer guidance letter CD-93-13, May 20, 1993. No changes were made. The new evaporative family names should be used for all applicable classes of vehicles beginning with the 1996 model year. The new evaporative family naming procedure was also contained in manufacturer guidance letter CD-94-03, February 18, 1994. The requirements for the eleventh character are also summarized in Enclosure A of this letter.

One manufacturer was concerned that the new nomenclature would create more evaporative families than required by the regulations. However, the provisions of 40CFR 86.095-30(a)(3)(i) require that vehicles in one evaporative family be certified to no more than one set of in-use and certification standards (standards which the Agency has interpreted to mean federal emission standards, California-only standards, or combined 50-state standards). On this basis, the Agency believes that the new evaporative family nomenclature is consistent with the regulations, and should impose no additional testing, reporting or record keeping burden for manufacturers. Further, this nomenclature will not impose any additional certification fees on manufacturers.

The new nomenclature will help EPA during the certification process, and at the same time, simplify manufacturers' requirement to identify the evaporative test procedure on the Vehicle Emission Control Information (underhood) label. As stated in our May 20, 1993 letter, listing the new evaporative family name on the underhood label will satisfy the requirement of 40 CFR 56.096-35 to identify the evaporative test procedure used to certify the evaporative family.

Evaporative family names for diesel cycle, methanol-fueled heavy-duty vehicles will be handled on a case by case basis. If you have

any questions about the evaporative family names for these vehicles or if you have any questions about this letter, please contact your certification representative.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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Enclosure A

Evaporative Family Name
STANDARDS Field, Column 11 Character
(for 1996 and Later Model Years)

<u>Vehicle Class (useful life)</u>	<u>Evaporative Standard</u>	
	<u>Existing*</u>	<u>Enhanced**</u>
LDV (5/50K)	A	
LDV, LLDT (10/100K)		E
LDT (11/120K)	B	
HLDT < 30 gal (11/120K)		F
HLDT \geq 30 gal (11/120K)		G
HDGV \leq 14,000 lb (8/110K)	C	
HDGV \leq 14,000 lb (10/110K)		H
HDGV > 14,000 lb (8/110K)	D	
HDGV > 14,000 lb (10/110K)		J
California only (numeric codes only)	O	1

* Certified using 40CFR 86.130-78 or 86.1230-85 test procedures.

** Certified using 40CFR 86.130-96 or 86.1230-96 test procedures.